

Appl. No. 10/718,881
Amdt Dated 01/24/2006
Response to Office Action of 10/26/2005

Attorney Docket No.: TS03-431
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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

This Amendment After Final is being filed further to Applicants' previously filed paper, titled "Response to Office Action Dated October 26, 2005", which was previously filed on December 23, 2005.

5 First and foremost, Applicants would like to take this opportunity to thank Examiner Nguyen for discussing proposed amendments to claim 24 in telephone conversations and e-mail communications that took place on January 17-18, 2006.

Claims 1, 2 and 4-28 are pending in this application. Claims 1, 2 and 4-23 were previously allowed.

10 Claims 24, 25, 27 and 28 were rejected with claim 26 objected-to. Claim 24 is hereby amended to incorporate distinguishing features of objected-to claim 26 and, as discussed with Examiner Nguyen, Applicants believe that claim 24 is now in allowable form. Claims 25-28 depend from amended independent claim 24, with claim 26 being amended for consistency with the amendments to claim 24. Claims 25-28 are therefore
15 also believed to be in allowable form by reason of their dependencies from claim 24.

Since claims 1, 2 and 4-23 were previously allowed, Applicants respectfully submit that each of the pending claims is in allowable form and the application therefore in condition for allowance.

20 The editorial amendments made to claims 4, 12 and 22 in Applicants' previous response filed December 23, 2005 are incorporated in the attached claims set because the Advisory Action indicated that the amendment submitted on December 23, 2005, was entered.

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CONCLUSION

Based on the foregoing, each of Claims 1-2 and 4-28 is in allowable form and the application therefore in condition for allowance, which action is respectfully and expeditiously requested.

- 5 The Assistant Commissioner for Patents is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any excess payment that may be associated with this communication to deposit account 04-1679.

Respectfully submitted,

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